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Cuban CW Exercise Includes Simultaneous Land and Sea Operations: Recent Cuban military exercises included defensive measures taken for a simulated mustard gas attack against naval vessels at sea and ground troops. The ship squadron commander ordered the contaminated craft to notify authorities of the level of contamination and to report to various port facilities to effect a water washdown. Ground forces were ordered to proceed to a designated area, effect decontamination, and relocate to a new area.

Comment: From time-to-time, Cuba injects CW defensive training into its exercises. This is the first time, however, that such training has been reflected in both land and sea operations at the same time. Because the ships were directed to various port facilities, it is believed that the vessels received decontamination beyond mere washdown procedures and may have included the use of some decontaminant.

The concept of moving into a contaminated area, performing decontamination operations, and shifting to a new area conforms to the type of work a chemical defense troop unit would be required to perform.

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